

Regular Meeting
Monday July 6, 2009
6:00 pm
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason Street

MINUTES

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, July 6, 2009, at 6:00 pm in the lobby of the Chowan County Public Safety Center, 305 West Freemason Street.

Present, Chairman Eddy Goodwin, Vice Chairman Emmett Winborne, Commissioner Jimmy Alligood, Commissioner Louis Belfield, Commissioner Kenny Goodwin, Commissioner Ralph Cole and Commissioner Keith Nixon. Staff Present: County Manager Peter Rascoe, County Attorney John Morrison and Clerk to the Board Susanne Stallings.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge.

Commissioner Alligood then offered the invocation.

County Manager Peter Rascoe introduced Colin Ryan as the director of Emergency Medial Services (EMS). He noted that Mr. Ryan has previously worked for Chowan County as an EMT.

Mr. Ryan said he appreciated the opportunity to work for Chowan County.

2. Public Comment

Chairman Eddy Goodwin opened the floor to public comment in accordance with NCGS 153A-52.1 .

Roy Kirkman, Gum Pond Road stated that he felt the Board should begin looking at higher paid salaries of County Employees.

There was no further public comment and the floor was closed.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Goodwin asked Mr. Rascoe to detail the following consent agenda items.

- a.** Mr. Rascoe presented the tax release report, there were no questions.

Tax Release

Looking Back Farms Truck.	\$132.52	SITUS Perquimans Co.
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Rice, J.	\$107.18	Tag lost in mail
Smith, W.	\$172.20	Replaced tag with personal tag

b. Minutes

There were no questions of the meeting minutes.

Minutes of the March 2, 2009 Regular meeting June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting and June 30, 2009 Special Meeting.

c. Declaration of Surplus Items

Mr. Rascoe detailed the items.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked if the items would be sold on Gov Deals.

Clerk, Susanne Stallings said yes, the public would be notified once the account is created and the items are listed.

There were no further questions.

A list of items compiled by staff that has been determined to be surplus property. In order for the items to be liquidated, the Board must declare it surplus by a unanimous vote pursuant to NCGS 160 A – 266 (c). It is recommended that the Board declare the property as surplus and authorize the County Manager to arrange the sale or disposition of the property, to be sold “as is” in accordance with the General Statutes

d. Disaster Debris Removal Contract Extension for Year 2009

Mr. Rascoe presented the contract.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked if the County was paying any retainer to have the contract in place.

Mr. Rascoe said the County is not obligated to pay any monies unless debris is picked up during a disaster. He noted the company has a good track record and that is why the County chose this contract.

Chairman Goodwin asked how long the County has worked with this company.

Mr. Rascoe said this is a 3 year contract with two one year extensions. He said that this is the last renewal and the County has had Crowder Gulf under contract since 2005.

A contract renewal with Crowder Gulf for debris removal assistance following a natural or manmade disaster. The contract upon approval will be renewed through December 31, 2009 under the same terms as the previous contract. The existing contract is a “no retainer” contract and any cost incurred are to be reimbursed by FEMA at time of a disaster.

e. Fire Contract(s) with Center Hill Crossroads Fire Department, the Town of Edenton Fire Department and Belvidere Chapel Hill Fire Department

Mr. Rascoe stated these contracts were recommended by the NC Department of Insurance To have contracts in place. He said the amount is appropriated annually for a monetary amount.

Commissioner Winborne noted that two of the contracts were signed already by the Chiefs and asked if they agreed on tem.

Mr. Rascoe said yes.

**COUNTY OF CHOWAN / CENTER HILL-CROSSROADS FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

CONTRACT TO PROVIDE COUNTY (RURAL) FIRE SERVICE

NORTH CAROLINA
CHOWAN COUNTY

This contract was made and entered by and between the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department, a rural Fire Department, hereinafter called the Fire Department and the County of Chowan, hereinafter

called the County;

WITNESSETH

That for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, and pursuant to authority

granted by G.S. 153A-233, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. A. The Fire Department agrees to furnish and provide continuing fire protection and extrication services to all property within its 5 Mile Insurance Rated and Emergency Response Districts. (See Appendix 1 * Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department 5 Mile Insurance and Emergency Response District Maps).
- B. By dispatching upon call of any resident or property owner within said districts, equipment consisting of (See Appendix 2 * Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department Equipment List) and adequate personnel (See Appendix 3 * Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department Personnel List) to operate the same.
2. The County agrees to provide funding to the Fire Department on an annual basis as appropriated by its Board of Commissioners during its annual budget process. The Fire Department's Chief or his/her designate is responsible for administering and tracking the funding provided.

Specifically, a copy of a proposed budget for the Fire Department's funding shall be submitted to

the County prior to each annual appropriation. If requested by the County anytime during the

year of service, the Fire Department shall also provide specific financial documents which

indicate the actual expenditures incurred by the Fire Department, including annual audit.

3. This contract may be terminated by either party at the end of the fiscal year by giving

180 days written notice of its intent to do so to the other party by registered or certified

mail.

In witness whereof the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department has caused these presents to be signed in

its name by its Fire Chief and attested by its Secretary, and the County of Chowan has caused these presents to be signed in its name by the Chairman and attested by the Clerk of its Board of Commissioners.

COUNTY OF CHOWAN / TOWN OF EDENTON

CONTRACT TO PROVIDE COUNTY (RURAL) FIRE SERVICE

NORTH CAROLINA
CHOWAN COUNTY

This contract was made and entered by and between the Town of Edenton, a municipal government,

hereinafter called the Town and the County of Chowan, hereinafter called the County;

WITNESSETH

That for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, and pursuant to authority

granted by G.S. 160A-11, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. A. The Town agrees to furnish and provide continuing fire protection and extrication services to

all property within its 5 Mile Rural Insurance Rated and Rural Emergency Response Districts

that has been approved by the Chowan County Board of Commissioners. (See Appendix 1 *

Edenton Fire Department 5 Mile Rural Insurance and Rural Emergency Response District Maps).

B. By dispatching upon call of any resident or property owner within said districts, equipment

consisting of (See Appendix 2 * Edenton Fire Department Equipment List) and adequate

personnel (See Appendix 3 * Edenton Fire Department Personnel List) to operate the same.

2. The County agrees to provide funding to the Town during the annual budget process in an

amount agreed on for the particular budget year. The Town Manager or his/her designate is

responsible for administering and tracking the funding provided.

3. This contract may be terminated by either party at the end of the fiscal year by giving

180 days written notice of its intent to do so to the other party by registered or certified

mail.

In witness whereof the Town of Edenton has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its Mayor and

attested by its Clerk to the Council, and the County of Chowan has caused these presents to be signed in its

name by the Chairman and attested by the Clerk of its Board of Commissioners.

**COUNTY OF CHOWAN / BELVIDERE-CHAPPELL HILL FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

CONTRACT TO PROVIDE COUNTY (RURAL) FIRE SERVICE

NORTH CAROLINA
CHOWAN COUNTY

This contract was made and entered by and between the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department,
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rural Fire Department, hereinafter called the Fire Department and the County of Chowan,
hereinafter

called the County;

WITNESSETH

That for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, and pursuant to
authority

granted by G.S. 153A-233, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. A. The Fire Department agrees to furnish and provide continuing fire protection and
extrication

services to all property within its 5 Mile Insurance Rated and Emergency Response
Districts

located in Chowan County. (See Appendix 1 * Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire
Department 5

Mile Insurance and Emergency Response District Maps for Chowan County).
- B. By dispatching upon call of any resident or property owner within said districts,

equipment consisting of (See Appendix 2 * Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire
Department

Equipment List) and adequate personnel (See Appendix 3 * Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire

Department Personnel List) to operate the same.

3. The County agrees to provide consideration in the form of in-kind services, equipment, or

funding to the Fire Department on an annual basis as may be appropriated by its Board of

Commissioners during its annual budget process. The Fire Department's Chief or his/her

designee is responsible for administering and tracking any

funding provided. Specifically, a copy of a proposed budget for any funding provided to the

Fire Department shall be submitted to the County prior to any annual appropriation. If

requested by the County anytime during the year of service, the Fire Department shall also

provide specific financial documents which indicate the actual expenditures incurred by the

Fire Department, including annual audit.

3. This contract may be terminated by either party at the end of the fiscal year by giving

180 days written notice of its intent to do so to the other party by registered or certified

mail.

In witness whereof the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department has caused these presents to be signed in

its name by its Fire Chief and attested by its Secretary, and the County of Chowan has caused these presents to be signed in its name by the Chairman and attested by the Clerk of its Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Belfield moved that the Board accept the consent agenda as presented. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Solid Waste Franchise Ordinance

Mr. Rascoe noted the Planning and Enterprise Committee have reviewed the proposed Ordinance and have recommended its approval to the full Board of Commissioners. He noted this ordinance pursuant to NCGS§ 153A-46 is the first reading of a proposed Solid Waste Franchise Ordinance. He stated that the 2nd reading of the Ordinance will be placed on the August 3, 2009 agenda. He stated the passage of such an ordinance by each member county creating a franchise for solid waste collectors is a requirement of the Albemarle Solid Waste Authority's new contract with Republic and that this guarantees to Republic that all trash hauled by commercial collectors will go to Republic. Mr. Rascoe also noted this ordinance has to be adopted by September 1, 2009. He noted this is part of the contract which was approved by the full Board back in February 2009.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin noted to the public that the Ordinance will be on file in the Clerk's office for anyone to review.

The Board proceeded with other business and later in the meeting was notified by the County Attorney that a vote on this item was recommended for the July and August Meeting.

Commissioner Belfield moved that the Board approve the Solid Waste Franchise Ordinance for its first reading. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Board Appointment(s)

Chairman Eddy Goodwin presented the following items for consideration.

- a. Chowan County Jury Commission.

The Chowan County Clerk of Court, Mr. Mike McArthur has recommended that Marion Goodman be reappointed with her term ending August 1, 2011.

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Board appoint Marion Goodman with her term ending on August 1, 2011.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- b. The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will need to stagger the terms of the member of the Chowan County ABC Board to be in compliance with NCGS§18B-700 (a). The following terms are recommended based on recent appointments:

Garris Perry appointed 1-07-08 to expire 01-07-11

Craig Miller appointed 05-04-09 to expire 05-04-12

Haywood Coston appointed 06-01-09 to expire 06-01-10

(Board members can only serve 3 year terms; Mr. Coston will however be eligible for reappointment next year for a 3 year term)

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Board approve the recommended terms. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Also according to NCGS§18B-700 (a) & (e), the Board of Commissioners must designate one of the members as Chairman.

Commissioner Winborne moved that the Board appoint Haywood Coston as the ABC Board chairman. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

c. Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

The EIC has submitted a request that Glorious Elliott be reappointed to continue to serve the EIC Council for a term beginning on September 1, 2009 and ending on September 1, 2014.

Commissioner Cole moved to appoint Glorious Elliott with her term ending on September 1, 2014. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

RiverSound Phase II

Planner, Wes Haskett noted that the developers of RiverSound Phase II have requested to renew their Conditional Use Permit for six months. This will extend the requirement for final plat submission as required under the Conditional Use Permit.

Hugh Franklin, the attorney representing the developers stated that when the economic conditions changed last year, persons were unable to close on their developments. He noted that Phase I was fully bonded and the work will be completed. He said he has kept the County Manager and the Planner in the loop as to all the goings on in Phase I and Phase II. He noted that over \$5 million in lots were sold in Phase I. He said that Phase I has made significant progress and work on the sewer and paving should pick up soon, and that phase will be completed. He noted that all work on Phase II has been finished except the bonding; he stated he felt the economy was turning around and he hoped that work will pick up.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked Mr. Haskett to speak on the communication between the developer and the County.

Mr. Haskett said that the developers have been good to work with and have kept his office up to date.

Commissioner Nixon asked for clarification on any changes in the conditions.

Mr. Haskett said no changes will occur in what was already approved.

Commissioner Nixon asked Mr. Haskett if he felt the developer had put forth a good faith effort.

Mr. Haskett said yes.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked if any lots are going to be sold in Phase II.

Mr. Franklin said he cannot sell any lots until the plat is on records and bonds and insurance have to be purchased first. He said he felt there is a good chance that the Bonds can be extended from Phase I. He noted that he has been told that some of the land owners have requested building permits from the County; however no building designs have been submitted to the Property Owners Association for approval first. He said that with no sewer in operation in Phase I, no construction can take place.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked Mr. Rascoe to comment on the communication with the developer.

Mr. Rascoe stated that he has been involved on the project since its first day. He said the developer has kept the County fully informed, and have spoken with them up to two times per week. He stated that he has spoken with the lenders and the bonding company along with the developer. He said the developer is seeking funding to complete the Phase I sewer. He said these meetings were to see if the bonds can be transferred. He said he is satisfied with the communication from the developer.

Chairman Goodwin asked who is responsible for the sewer if it fails.

Mr. Rascoe said the Property Owners association has control of the sewer.

Mr. Franklin said that plant will be owned by Albemarle Sewer and Water Authority and will be licensed by the Utilities Commission.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin said he did not want to see any lots sold in Phase II until the infrastructure is completed in Phase I.

Mr. Franklin said the money is good for the completion of Phase I. He said that Phase I remains bonded until it is built. He said the lots in Phase II will not be sold until that phase is also bonded.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked at what point the County would have to become involved in the development.

Mr. Rascoe said he would bring information to the Board if pressed by property owners in the development. He said he felt it is in the County's best interest to allow the developers to keep working. He said he felt the developer is putting forth their best effort to complete the sewer in Phase I.

Mr. Franklin noted that every development in the County has been delayed by the national economy. He said that they hope to move quickly.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked if the bonds well cover the development.

Mr. Rascoe said yes.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked if there was any public comment on the project.

Richard Bunch, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce said that the Chamber has supported the development since its inception.

Being no further public comment, Chairman Eddy Goodwin closed the floor.

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Board renew the Conditional Use Permit for six months.

Being no further discussion, Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Internal Committee Reports

There were none to report.

External Board/Committee Reports

Chairman Eddy Goodwin noted the Board members are asked to report on the activities of the external boards to which they have been appointed.

Commissioner Cole said that Melanie Corprew is doing a good job serving as interim DSS Director. He noted the DSS Board will be requesting that the State appoint a new member because one member resigned. He noted that he attended his first meeting on the Hospital Directors Council and they are working on a survey for the installation of the Heli-port. He said that Lynne Bunch has announced her retirement to the COA Board. He noted this Board has discussed seeking monies or a way to provide security at the Edenton-Chowan Campus. He said that staff will be inquiring of the Town Police Department for patrol.

Commissioner Nixon noted that the Planning and Enterprise Committee have reviewed the Solid Waste Franchise Ordinance, were working on VA Clinic submittal and an easement for the well field at the Virginia Road property.

Recommended Budget Amendments

Mr. Rascoe noted the Finance Officer was on vacation. He presented the following budget amendments and noted the new format will have budget amendments and transfers as separate agenda items and will now be numbered for tracking purposes. He noted BA-0910-01 was for inmate commissary, BA-0910-02 was a grant that required no matching funds and BA 09-10-03 was stimulus money for a temporary grant position in DSS.

Commissioner Nixon asked for clarification that the position would be at will.

Mr. Rascoe said yes, the person hired will be informed that they will serve in the position until the grant monies run out.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked the Board members to begin submitting information for a 5 year strategic plan. He said that one goal of the Board was to restructure the financials. He stated that some of these budget amendments are in line with the auditor and the Board's recommendations.

Being no further questions, Commissioner Nixon moved that the Board approve the following budget amendments.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

BA-0910-01

3432 Jail	\$12,000	Increase revenue received when inmates are incarcerated for commissary purchases
4320 Jail	\$12,000	Increase food and provisions for inmate commissary purchases

BA-0910-02

3495 Ag Ext	\$2,376	Increase NC Dept. of Insurance grant (100% grant-no matching funds required)
4950 Ag Ext	\$2,376	Increase supplies and materials expenditures needed to educate seniors on Medicare Part D options.
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BA-0910-03		
3531 DSS	<u>\$20,000</u>	Increase DSS revenue for stimulus funding ARRA (Administrative Funding for Food and Nutrition Services)
5351 DSS	\$18,570	Increase salary line item for temp. Food stamp Income Maintenance Caseworker
5351 DSS	<u>\$ 1,430</u>	Increase fringe benefit line item for temp Food Stamp Income Maintenance Caseworker
	\$20,000	
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Mr. Rascoe noted the first item was for actuary health care coverage he noted the work was done, but the expense was not included in the FY 09-10 budget. He noted the second item was a decrease in expense for property and liability insurance cost savings. He stated the balance would be put into reserve. He noted there will also be a savings on workers comp also.

Being no further discussion, Commissioner Belfield moved that the Board approve the budget transfers as presented. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Recommended Budget Transfers

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BT-0910-01		
9900 Contg.	<u>\$3,459</u>	Decrease Contingency
4120 Admin	\$3,459	Increase Admin professional services for actuary valuation analysis of post employment benefits as required by governmental accounting standards for financial statements for 08-09 Audit
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BT-0910-02		
8200 Cent. Serv.	<u>\$37,283</u>	Decrease property and liability insurance for cost savings realized from actual quotes received 06/23/09
9841 Gen. Fd. Resv.	\$37,283	Increase general fund reserve for property and liability insurance cost savings.
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Finance Officer Report

In the absence of the Finance Officer Lisa Jones, Mr. Rascoe provided her report on Cash Balance Summary and Cash and Investment Balance information for the month of May noting a balance of \$1,762,765. A copy of the presentation is in the file labeled, Chowan County Board of Commissioners, July 6, 2009.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated that it may not be a good idea for the Board to have copies of the bank statements with the account numbers. He suggested that Board members visit the Finance Office once per month to view the statements.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin stated he would find a way in which the Board can view the statements each month.

Planning/Inspections Annual Report

Chief Building Inspector, Holly Colombo provided the Board with an annual summary of the activities of the Planning/Inspections Department. A copy of the presentation is in the file labeled, Chowan County Board of Commissioners, July 6, 2009.

Tax Collector Report

Mr. Rascoe noted the tax bills went out on June 2nd. He noted that 60 persons have made payments towards the FY 2009-10 tax bills already and noted he hoped to see more collections from persons taking advantage of the early payment discount in July and August. He then provided the Board with the Tax Collector Report. A copy of the presentation is in the file labeled, Chowan County Board of Commissioners, July 6, 2009.

Manager's Report

County Manager Peter Rascoe provided the Manager's report. He introduced Cordell Palmer a deputy in the Sheriff's Office and stated that Mr. Palmer has been selected to transition as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Palmer said he is in the process of learning his duties and is looking forward to serving in this capacity.

Mr. Rascoe said he is still collecting applications for Tax Administrator/Collector. He said the applicants come from various backgrounds and he will begin to analyze the applications and call applicants for interviews.

Timely and Important Matters

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked all the Board members to begin doing their homework and jot down ideas to develop a strategic plan for Chowan County. He stated that all items and ideas were on the table. He stated he would like for all the Board members to submit ideas.

Hugh Williamson Memorial

Mr. Rascoe presented a letter to the Board from Judge Boyle, Chairman of the Hugh Williamson memorial committee. He stated that the judge is informing the Board that the State has retracted the monies that were available for the memorial. He stated that the Judge was asking the Board for direction. They now have a design for the memorial but no funds to build it.

Commissioner Nixon asked how much money was spent on the project.

Mr. Rascoe stated the state has appropriated approximately \$60,000.

Attorney John Morrison states that this project is very important to Chowan County and the Town of Edenton. He said he would like to look into the matter, pro-bono and make a report to the Board. He stated he felt it would be a shame to let this project die. He said he would like to talk to

legislators about the project as well. Mr. Morrison said this would not cost Chowan County one penny for his time.

Commissioner Alligood moved that Mr. Morrison be allowed to investigate the funding for the memorial at his own request and report to the Board his findings.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Commissioner Alligood then moved that the committee discontinue meeting unless notified otherwise by the Board.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Executive Session

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Board hold a closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a) (3) attorney/client privilege and 143-318.11(a) (5) concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price or proposed contract for the sale of real estate.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Rascoe noted that the Boys and Girls Club has made an offer to purchase the Albemarle Learning Center building and four acres. He noted that after the offer the Boys and Girls Club has also expressed interest in including an additional 4 acres in their offer. He stated the total of their offer was \$200,000. He noted this offer would pay for the debt that is currently on the building. He noted there is an additional 60+ acres on the property.

Commissioner Goodwin stated he was not aware the Boys and Girls Club was requesting an additional 4 acres.

County Attorney, John Morrison provided the Board with a handout on Statutory provisions for private sale of County Property to a non-profit. Citing NCGS 160A-267 which allow the County to declare property surplus and have a private sale at a negotiated price. He noted and NCGS 160A-279 may convey property to a non-profit with covenants and conditions to ensure the property will not be put to a public use by the recipient entity. He noted the NC Constitution prohibits conveyance of County property for less than the fair market value unless conveyance for a public purpose is considered fair market value under most circumstances.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin clarified that if the property sold for the amount offered, it would eliminate the debt service.

Commissioner Nixon noted that the next payment is due in October and the interest rates of 7.38%.

Commissioner Cole said he sees a benefit for the Boys and Girls Club. He noted that he was concerned about the fair market value.

Commissioner Nixon said the building is currently shut down. He said he felt the Board needs to get rid of the debt and the property. He said he felt that after looking into potential uses for the

building, it is so unique that it is difficult to find uses for the property. He asked if the Board wanted to declare the property surplus and set a minimum bid.

Commissioner Cole asked if the Board favored renting the building or lease purchase.

Commissioner Alligood said he felt it was important to determine the value of the additional acreage. He said the Board would need to consider future use for the remaining property. He said he was not comfortable with selling the property.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin noted the Planning/Enterprise Committee could not determine a use for the building.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin noted the County has missed opportunities in selling the property because the county does not own it free and clear until the debt is paid off. He gave an example of the Boys and Girls Club.

Commissioner Nixon said he wanted to sell the building and the four acres and keep the additional acreage and the tower for income. He said his concern was the County's debt. He said that he did not feel the County needed to get in the real estate business.

Mr. Rascoe noted that if there was a sale of the property, the buyer would assume the cost for an appraisal, closing costs.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin said he felt the offer was advantageous to the County.

Commissioner Winborne said he felt the Planning and Enterprise Committee needed to discuss with the Board for the Boys and Girls the request for the additional 4 acres, and that otherwise; this was a good deal for the County.

Robbie Laughton, member of the Boys and Girls Club Board said that they wanted to eventually build a gymnasium on the site and maybe have ball fields in the future.

Commissioner Cole moved that the Board allow the County Manager and County Attorney to perform their due diligence on behalf of the Board to negotiate the additional property, the title research and any legalities of the sale.

Being no further discussion, Chairman Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion carried unanimously (6-1 Nixon).

Commissioner Nixon stated his concern was the time frame.

(The remaining minutes of the closed session will remain sealed because they discuss specific personnel matters.)

The Board then closed the Executive Session.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Eddy Goodwin
Chairman

L. Susanne Stallings
Clerk to the Board